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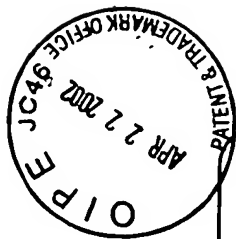
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	Filing Date	01-16-02	
	First Named Inventor	Sonny L Chambers	
	Group Art Unit		
	Examiner Name	Linn LEE	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	Linn LEE

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/36 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: _____

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107 490 207 245 Plant filing fee
108 710 208 355 Reissue filing fee
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103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102 80 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80 209 40 ** Reissue independent claims
over original patent
110 18 210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20
and over original patent

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105	130	205	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130			Non English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195			Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445			Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155			Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135			Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220			Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300			Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
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3. ☐ Specification [Total Pages ☐]
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 - Preamble
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Description of the figure(s) of the drawings
 - Feature description
 - Claim (only one (1) claim permitted, MPEP 1503.03)
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (37 CFR 1.152) [Total Sheets ☐]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ☐]
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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13. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapters 600 & 1600 concerning plant patent application contents.

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☐ Specification [Total Pages]
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Latin name of genus and species
 - Variety denomination
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings
 - Detailed Botanical Description
 - Claim (only one (1) permitted MPEP 1605)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☐ Color drawing(s) [Total Sheets]
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15. ☐ Other:

Note: Please state the Latin name and variety denomination of the plant claimed in a separate section of the specification.

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Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit _____

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